To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 845 without my signature.

This bill would impose new requirements upon the Reentry Advisory Committee (RAC), including a requirement that the RAC seek and apply for federal funds, develop a comprehensive reentry plan, submit various advisory reports to the Legislature and Governor, and would also increase the number of individuals on the Committee. In addition, the RAC would be required to develop a comprehensive resource guide for use by various entities and the public. AB 845 also extends the sunset date of the RAC from January 1, 2011 to January 1, 2016.

This bill imposes several new duties upon the RAC without providing any new funding to pay for them. I cannot sign a bill that creates such unfunded mandates for the State of California during this time of fiscal crisis.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger